

Exhibit A



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cc:
Subject: RE: DTE 05-27 Procedural schedule

No it was the same request I made of you and the company a few weeks ago. If you don't have a procedural schedule to propose, we'll impose one. What topic is your second witness speaking on. I know you said one was materials. Charlie Harak is bringing in Nancy Brockway on union issues. Keysan is bringing in someone I think on bad debt and steel replacement.

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Hi, Caroline. Was your last e-mail a hearing officer ruling on the schedule?

-- Alex --

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All participants should be drafting a joint procedural schedule for the DTE's review on Thursday.

This schedule must conclude hearings on July 25. With perhaps one cleanup day Aug. 3. Initial round of briefs must be in before Labor Day with Reply comments two weeks thereafter. Thank you.

Trish - please forward to all potential intervenors on whose petition I have not ruled. Thanks.

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Subject: DTE 05-27 Filing by AG

Attached for filing, please find the Attorney General's 11th set of IRs.

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